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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 May 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. Status of Claims: Claims 1-18 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Claims 1, 2, 5-8, 10-15, 17, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heidari (2003/0159608) in view of Hector (5804017).

Heidari teaches a lithography device for structure of the nanometer size (see Abstract), the device having a body 3 with an opening formed between the ring 11b, the body further having a vacuum supporting plate 14 having vacuum connections 20, wherein template 10 is held in place.

Heidari fails to teach a transparent support plate.

Hector teaches a flexible stamper 20 that is held in position by a body 28 with opening and further having a transparent plate 18 behind the stamper that allows for a UV source 42 to shine through. Hector is relevant to the arts as it relates to the imprinting arts as the stamper is pressed into a substrate of curable polymer.

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Heidari with a transparent support plate taught by Hector thereby allowing for the material worked upon to be cured by the UV source during imprinting operation.

4. Claims 3, 4, 9, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heidari in view of Hector as applied to claims 1, 2, 5-8, 10-15, 17, and 18 above, and further in view of Semiconductor Memories (see IDS).

Heidari in view of Hector fails to teach the supporting plate is formed from silicon dioxide.

Semiconductor Memories teaches the use of Silicon Dioxide as backing support for the silicon wafer (see page 91).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Heidari in view of Hector to use silicon dioxide as taught by Semiconductor Memories since it is a known transparent material used in the arts that allows for materials to cure.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. The arguments presented by the applicants have been noted and the previous rejections have been withdrawn. However, upon further consultation, a new rejection have been made with the Heidari and Hector references for claims 1, 2, 5-8, 10-15, 17, and 18, while claims 3, 4, 9, and 16 are made in a similar rejection and further in view of Semiconductor Memories.

Conclusion

6. Status of Claims: Claims 1-18 are rejected.

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emmanuel S. Luk whose telephone number is (571)272-1134. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Fridays from 9 to 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra N. Gupta can be reached on (571) 272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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